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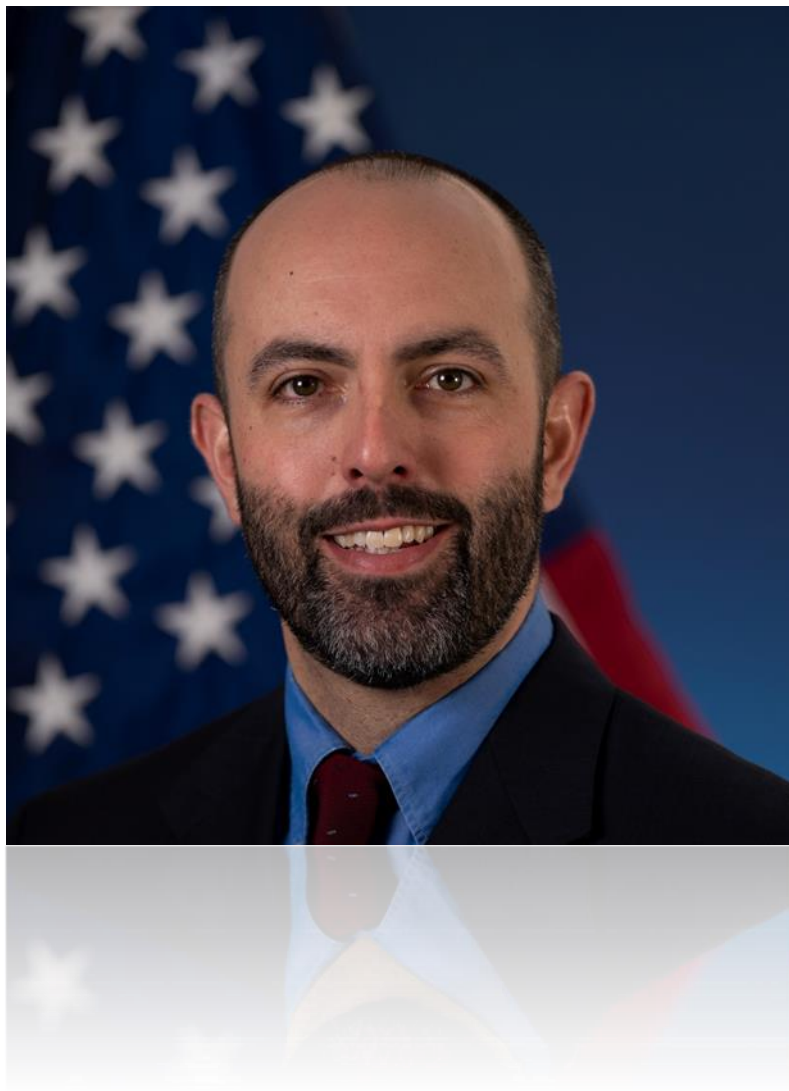




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# **MEMS NEXT**

**(WORKSHOP)**



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# MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEMS (MEMS)

## COMMERCIAL EXAMPLES:



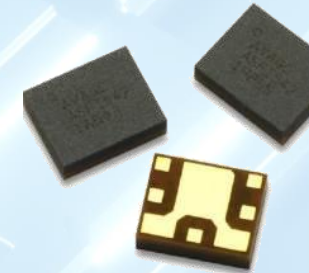
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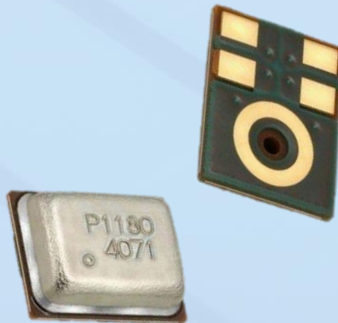
*Gyroscope*

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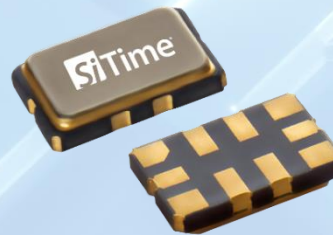
*RF Acoustic Filters*

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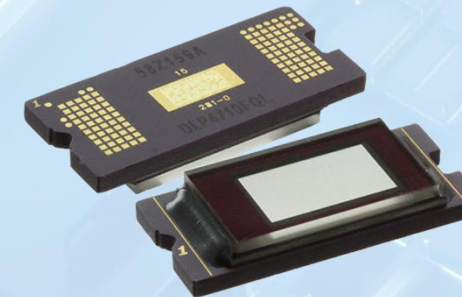
*Microphone*

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*Silicon clock*

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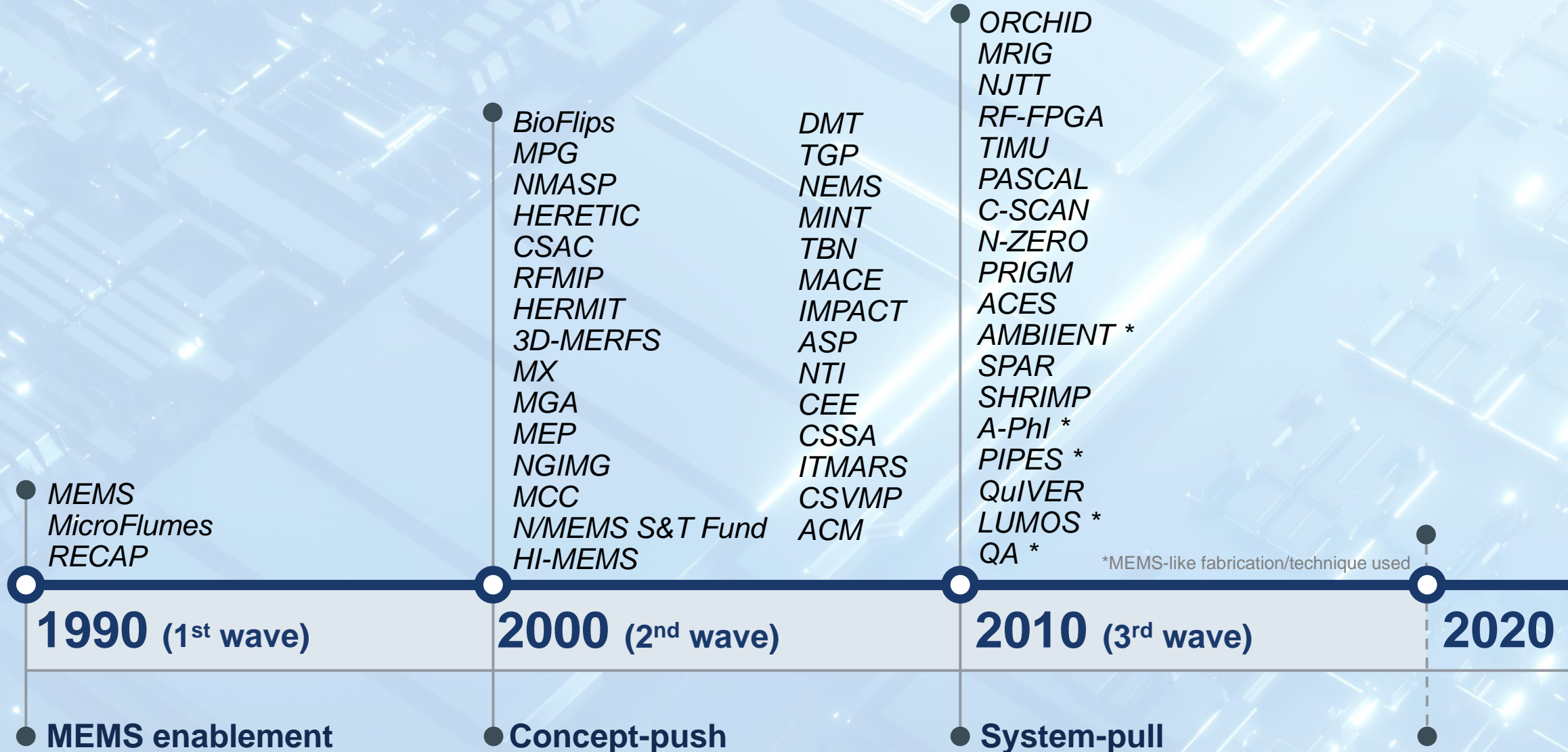


*Micromirror*

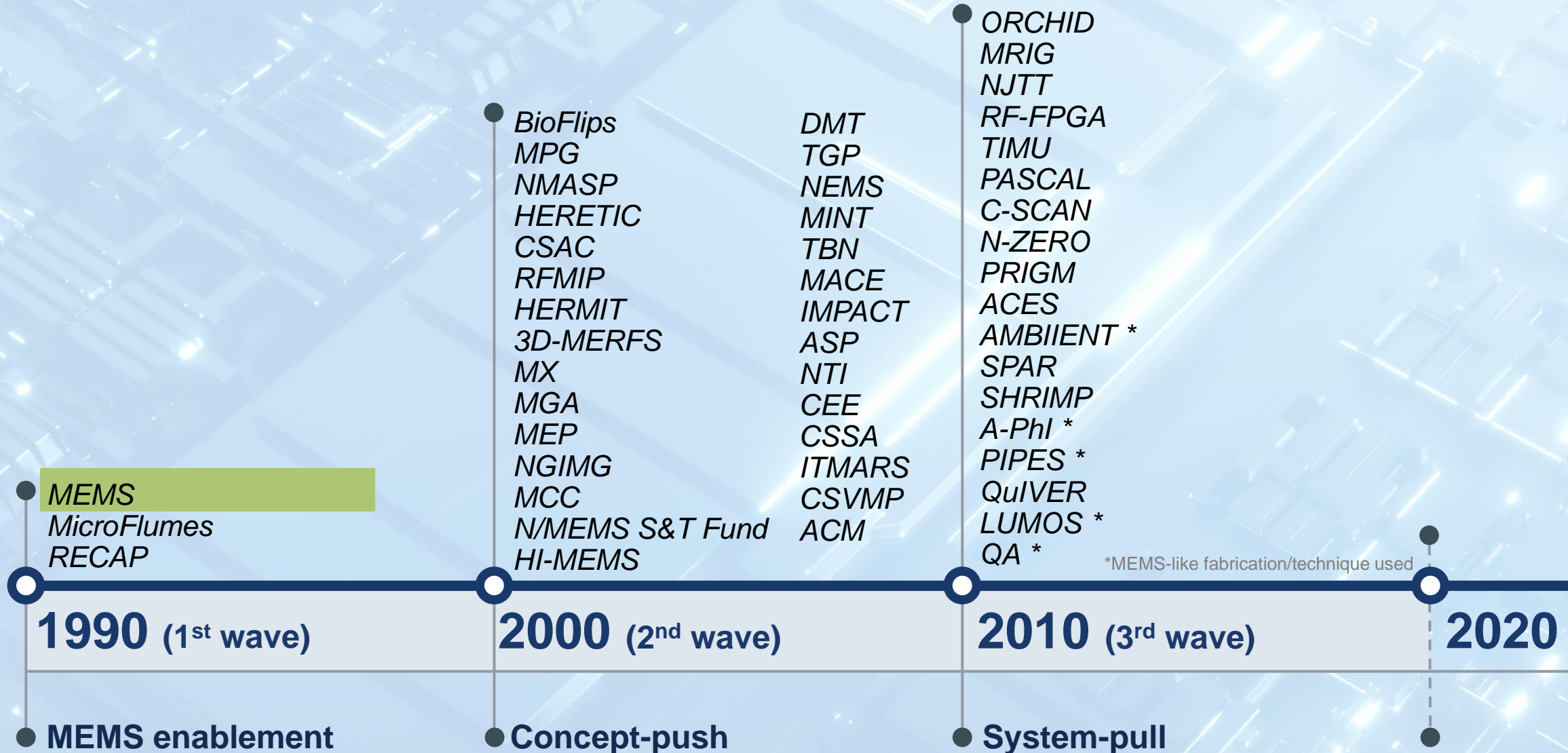
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MEMS: miniaturized devices and structures made using microfabrication techniques

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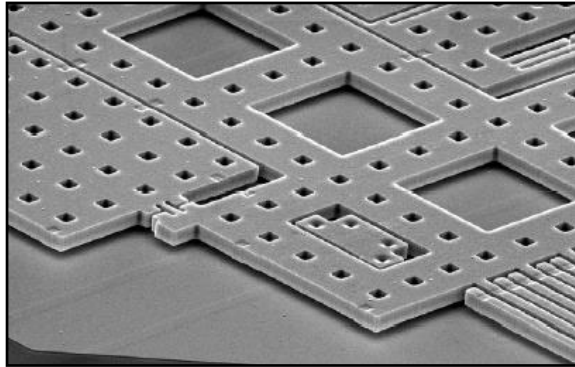
# MEMS PROGRAM

Dr. Ken J. Gabriel  
Dr. Al P. Pisano

1992-97  
1997-99

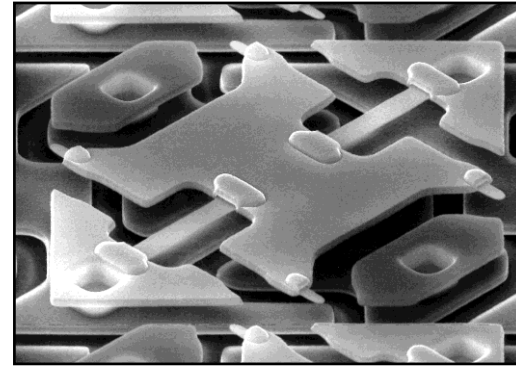


## MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEMS



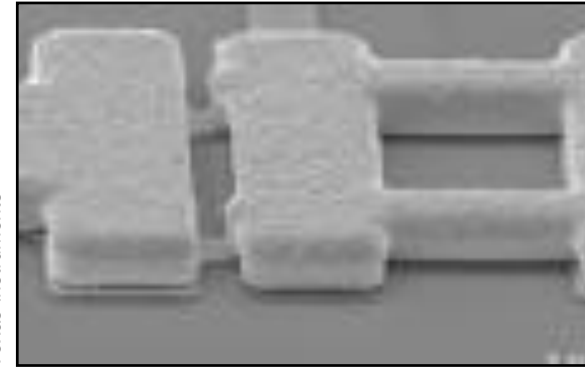
Analog Devices

Accelerometers



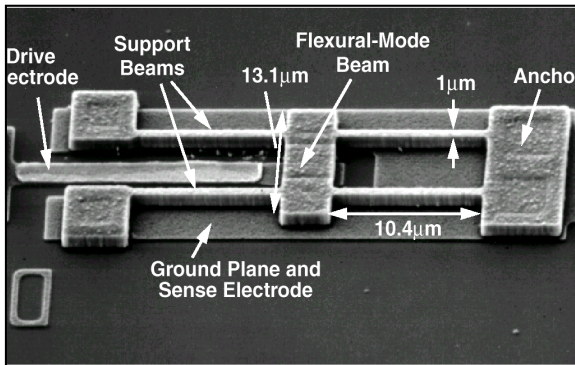
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Displays



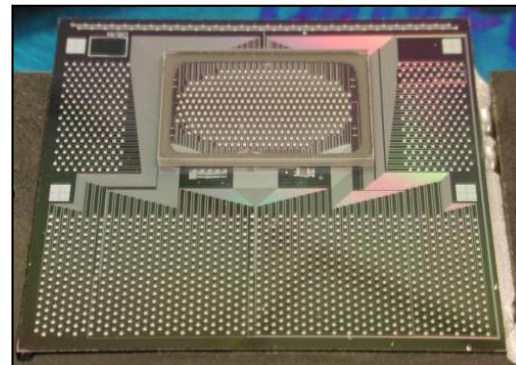
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RF Switches



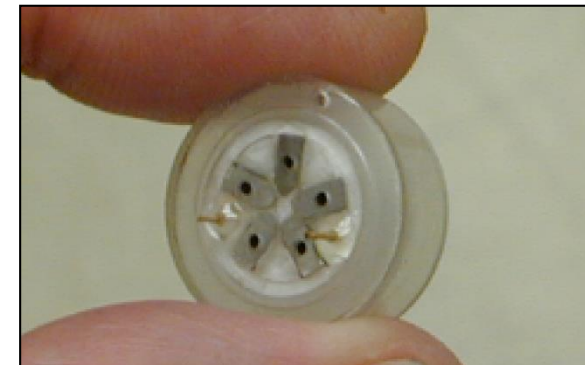
Nguyen, Michigan

RF Resonators



Calient Networks

Optical switches



Honeywell

Fuel Cells

### Goal:

*Merge computation, sensors, actuators, and mechanical structures to radically change the way people and machines interact with the physical world*

### Need:

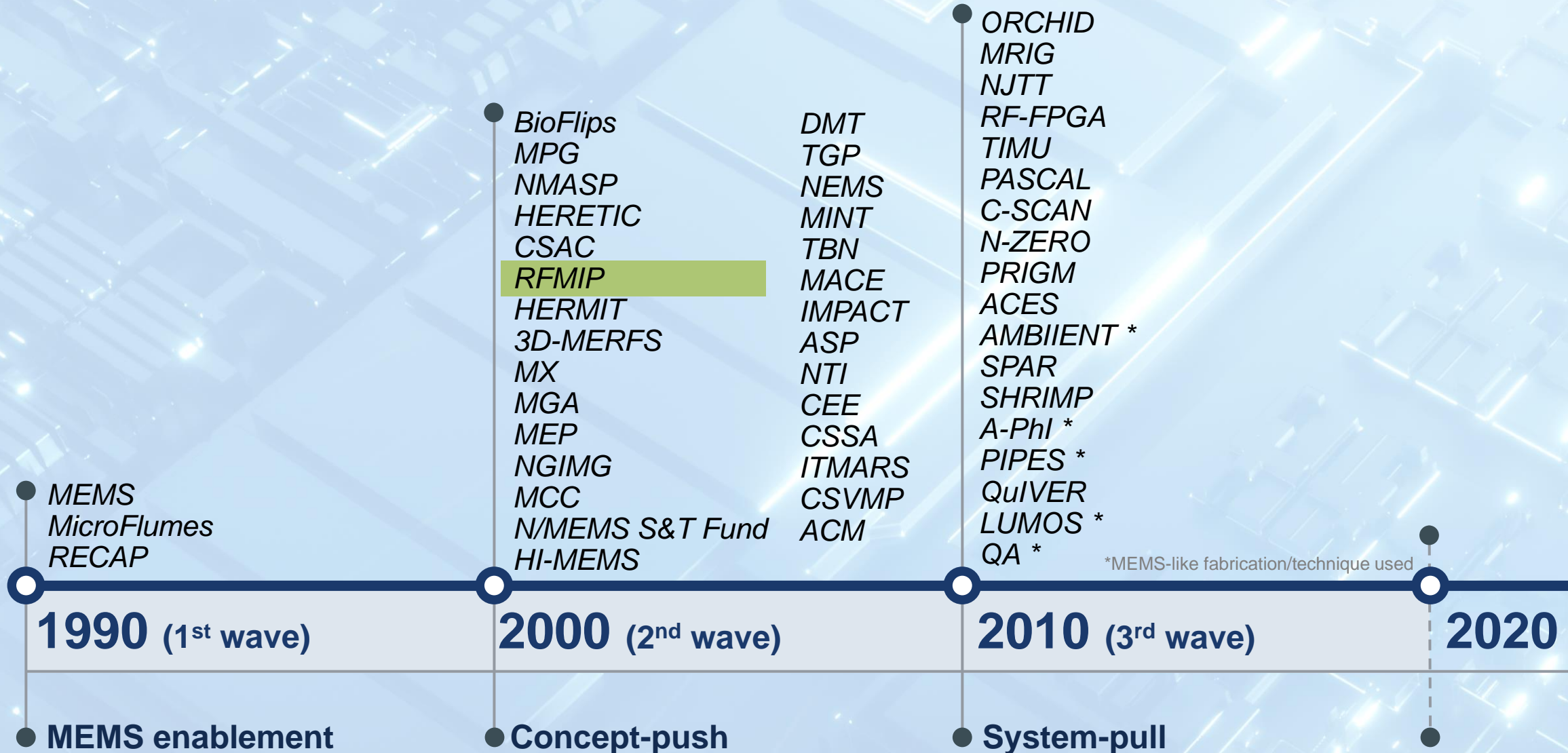
*MEMS fabrication, processes, and infrastructure*

### Key Accomplishments:

*Successful component demonstrations  
Offered shared access to a common MEMS fabrication process*

MEMS enablement through development of micromachining building blocks

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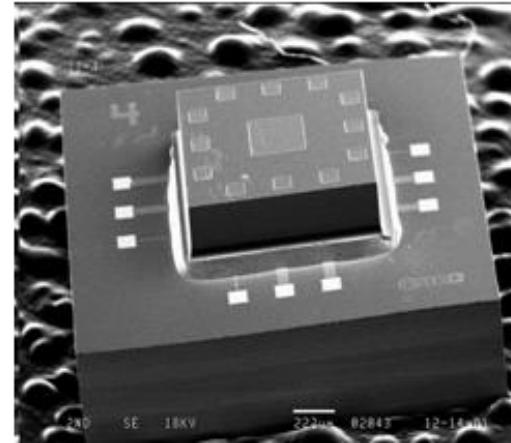




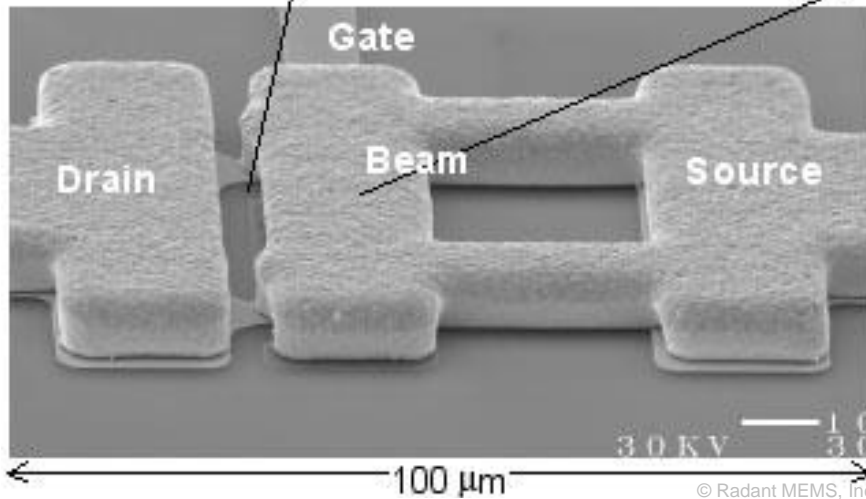
## RF MEMS IMPROVEMENT



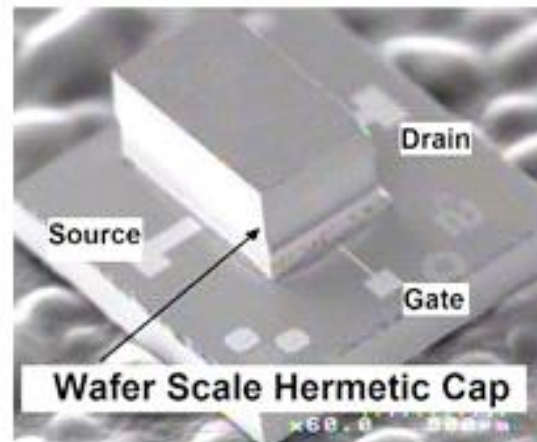
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### Goal:

*Robustness and reliability of  
MEMS technology for ultra-low  
loss signal switching*

### Need:

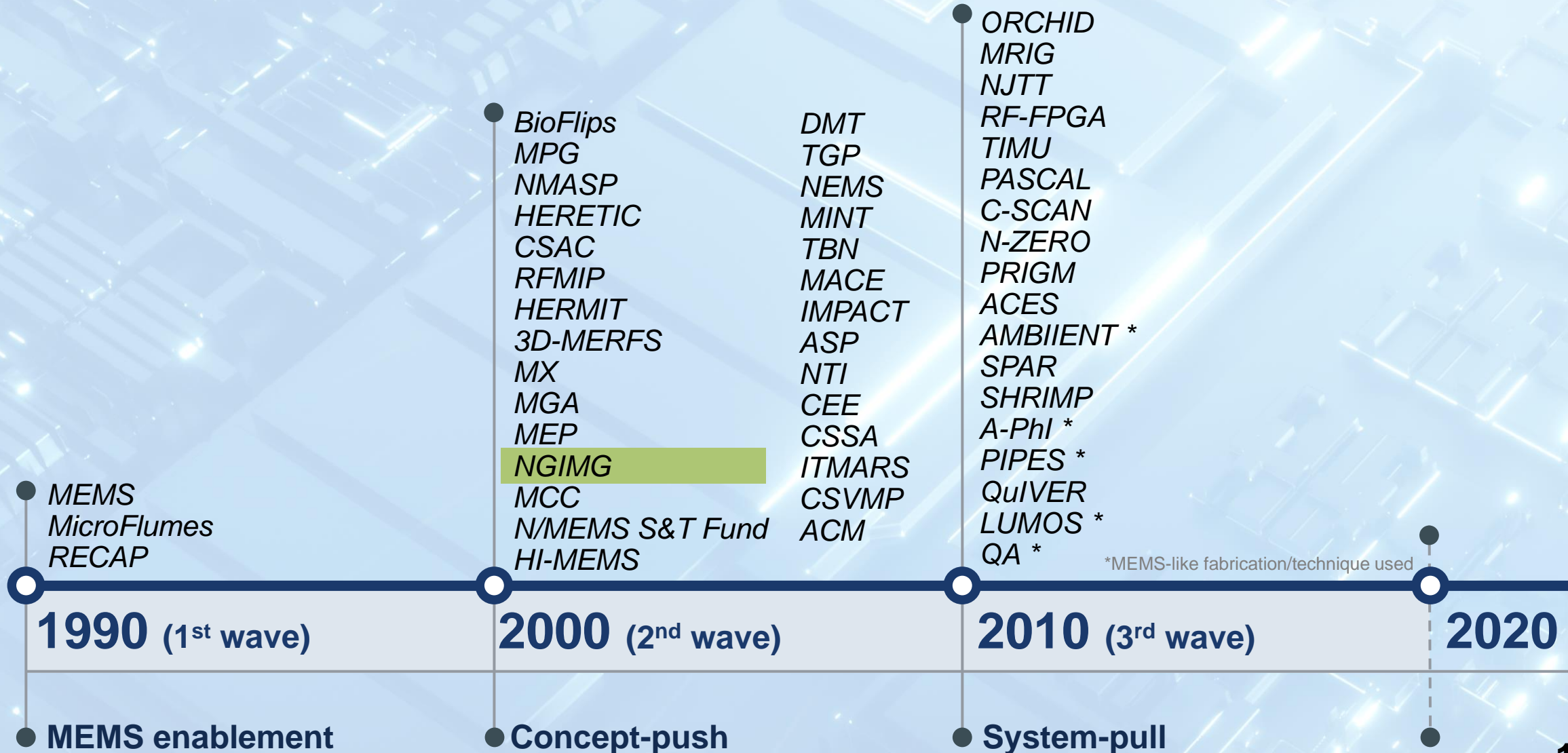
*RF communication and  
electronic intelligence*

### Key Accomplishments:

*RF MEMS switches with a long  
life cycle (500 billion cycles  
demonstrated)*

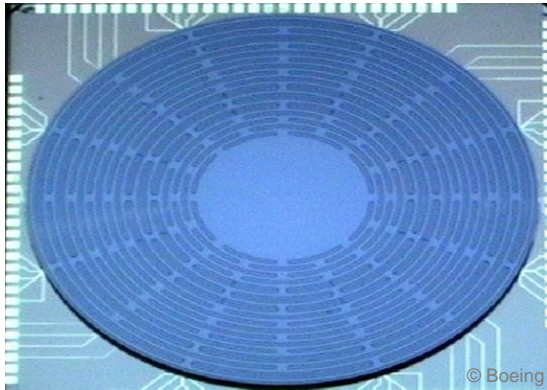
Develop reliability of MEMS-specific approach for high performance switching

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## NAVIGATION-GRADE INTEGRATED MICRO GYROSCOPES



*Disk Resonator Gyroscope*



*Spinning Mass Gyroscope*



*Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Gyroscope*

### Goal:

*Navigation-grade performance from low SWaP MEMS gyroscopes and accelerometers*

*Achieve ultrahigh quality factor resonators, miniature nuclear magnetic resonance, and spinning masses*

### Need:

*Wearable, low power IMU modules for dismounted soldier*

*Guidance for munitions, UAVs, and insect-like robotics platforms*

### Key Accomplishments:

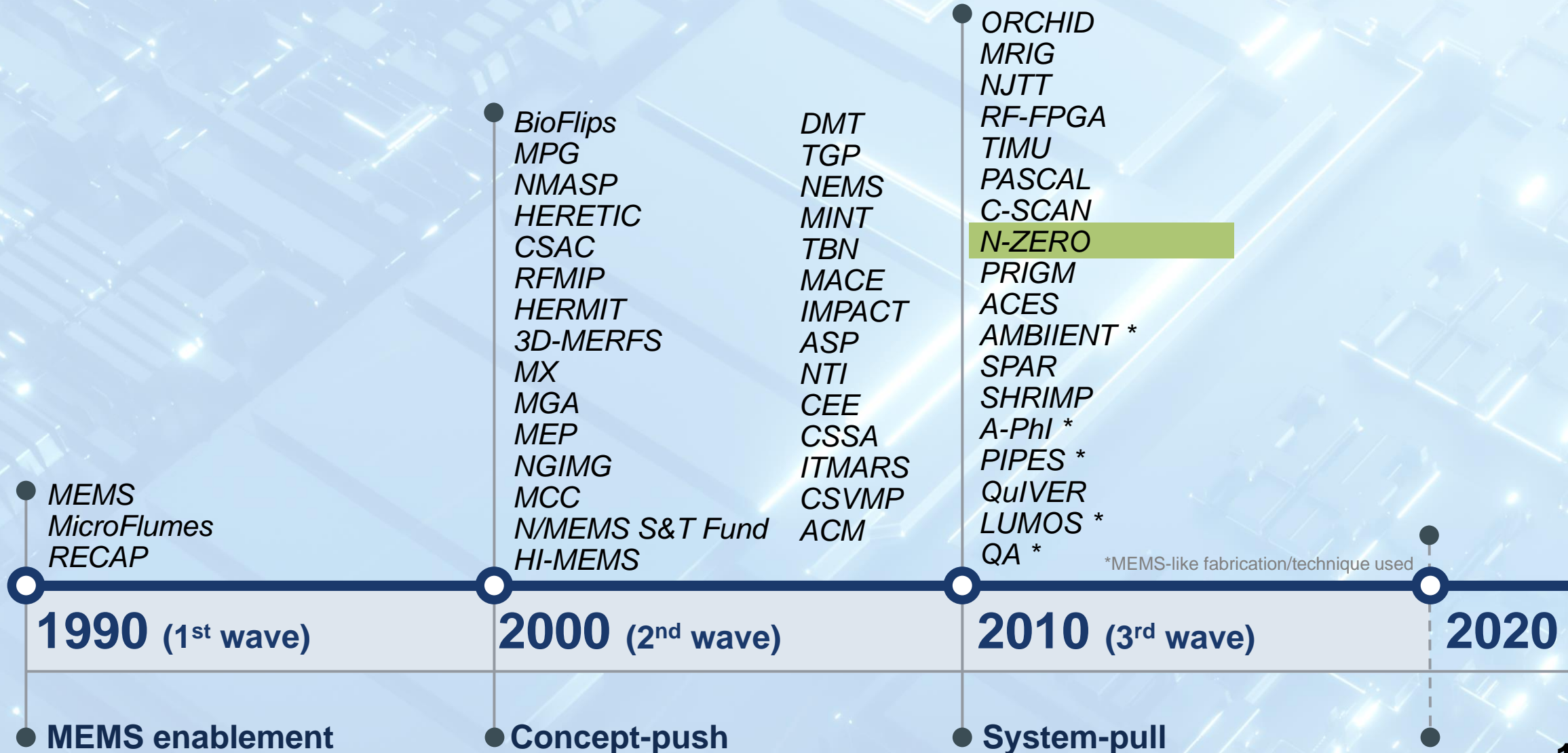
*Nav-grade performance in nuclear magnetic resonance gyroscope on an optical bench*

SWaP: size, weight, and power  
IMU: inertial measurement unit  
UAV: unmanned aerial vehicle

**MEMS-specific miniaturized IMUs for navigation of SWaP constrained platforms**

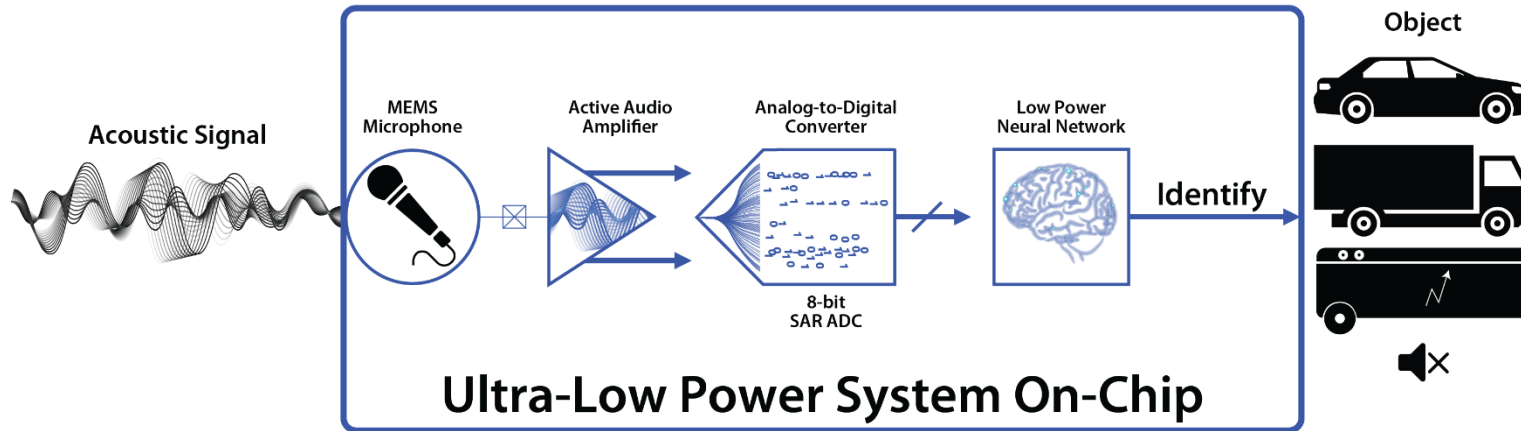


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## NEAR ZERO POWER RF AND SENSOR OPERATIONS



### Goal:

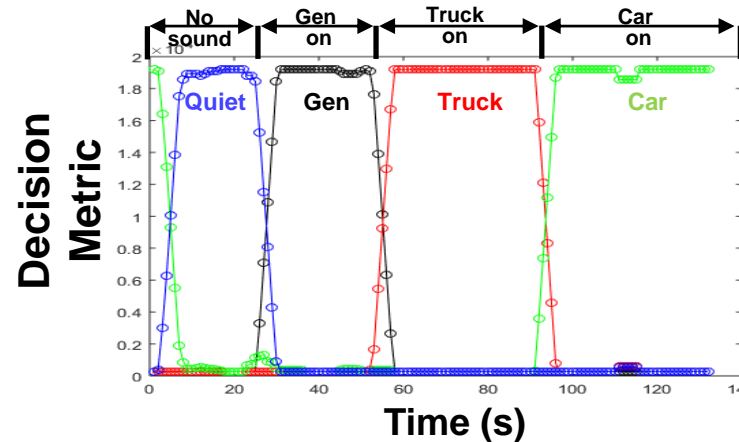
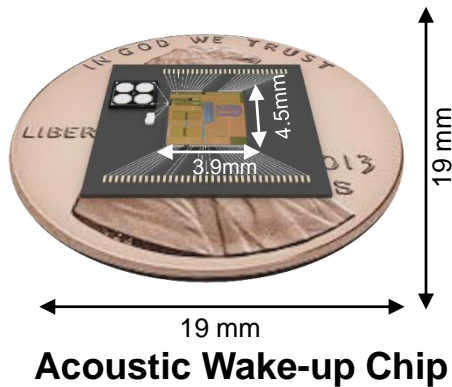
*Perform signature identification by sensing and process signals within a 10 nanowatt-level power budget*

### Need:

*Provide the warfighter with event-driven sensing capability that drastically increase mission life*



CR 2032 battery



Courtesy of University of Michigan

### Key Accomplishments:

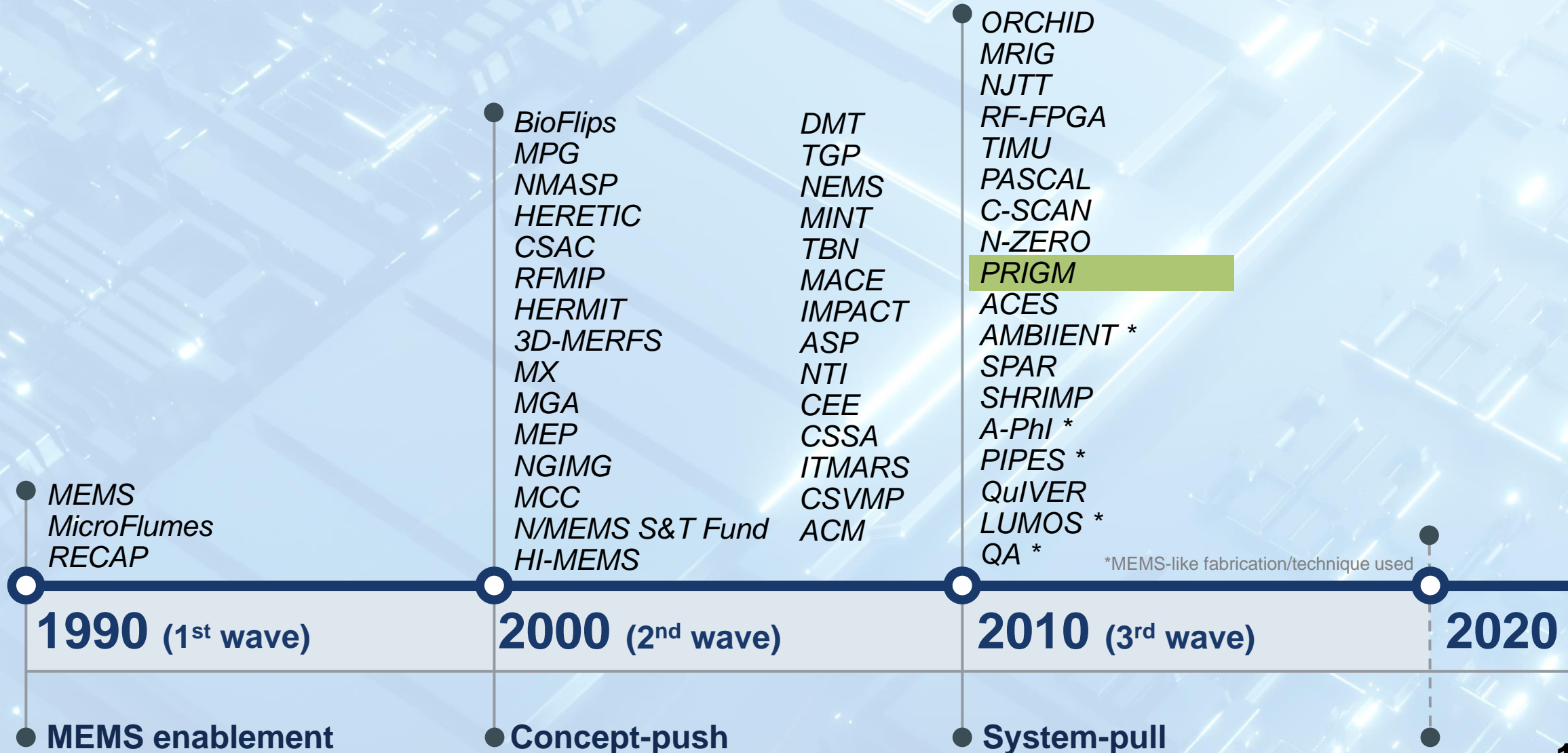
*Acoustic wakeup using sub-threshold ASIC combined with MEMS microphone at just 20 nW*

*RF wakeup at -106 dBm and 433 MHz while consuming just 33 nW*

*Demonstrated processor with 10 nW sleep power*

MEMS-enabled sensors that are **ASLEEP** yet continuously **ALERT**

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# PRIGM PROGRAM

Dr. Robert Lutwak 2015-2017  
Dr. Ronald Polcawich 2017-2021  
Dr. Benjamin Griffin 2021-202X



## PRECISE ROBUST INERTIAL GUIDANCE FOR MUNITIONS

	State-of-the-Art	PRIGM
	 <small>© Honeywell- Datasheet</small>	 <small>© Honeywell- Datasheet</small>
	 <small>© Honeywell JNC2021-Dual-Use Navigation-Grade MEMS IMU</small>	
Model	HG9900	HG1930
Volume (in <sup>3</sup> )	100	5
IMU Grade	Navigation	Tactical
Gyroscopes	Ring Laser	MEMS
Accelerometers	Quartz	MEMS

**Goal:**  
*Gun-hardened, navigation-grade performance within SWaP constraints of SoA MEMS-IMU*

**Need:**  
*IMU-based navigation (180 s) of guided munitions in GPS-contested theaters*

**Key Accomplishment:**  
*Multiple prototype IMUs for rapid transition through service lab capability demonstrations (expected)*

SWaP: size, weight, and power  
SoA: state-of-the-art  
IMU: inertial measurement unit

MEMS enabled, gun-hardened IMUs for munition navigation in GPS-contested theaters

# 4<sup>TH</sup> WAVE OF MEMS: NEXT CHALLENGES



## ***The Impact of Key New Technologies and Capabilities on the Future of MEMS***

Kurt E. Petersen  
Silicon Valley Band of Angels  
Co-Chair of HardTech Group



## ***Integrated Piezoelectric Microsystems: Novel Application Opportunities***

Matt Eichenfield  
Sandia National Laboratories  
Distinguished Member



## ***Health Monitoring: Examples, Challenges, and Opportunities for MEMS***

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